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Cynthia Lummis Named Women in Business Champion of the Year

Cheyenne – The Wyoming District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has named Cynthia Lummis, Wyoming's State Treasurer, for the Women in Business Advocate of the Year 2005. On Tuesday, May 3, 2005, during the Governor's Breakfast being held at Little America in Cheyenne, Steve Despain, District Director, will be presenting Ms. Lummis with this award.

This award is given to an individual who has advanced women's business ownership. Evaluation criteria include efforts to increase business and financial opportunities for women, legal, financial or managerial assistance, voluntary efforts to strengthen the role of women business owners within the community and advocacy for the women-owned business community as a whole. The President of the United States recognizes contributions of the small business community to the American economy and society by proclamation each year.

While working for Governor Geringer, Cynthia spearheaded the Governor's Open Spaces Initiative and edited Wyoming's Open Lands Guidebook. She serves on the Board of the Institute for Environmental and Natural Resources at the University of Wyoming, participates in the open lands working group and serves on the Board of the Wyoming Stock Growers Agricultural Land Trust. Elected in 1998, Cynthia is currently serving as the twenty-ninth Treasurer of the State of Wyoming.

As Wyoming's State Treasurer, Cynthia has demonstrated a strong commitment to women's issues. Recently she was instrumental in bringing to Wyoming a conference on Women and Money. Included were topics on diverse money-management issues including developing small business, divorce and money, estate planning and mortgages, financial institutions and identity fraud.

The Wyoming State Treasurer and the Bond Market Foundation Website is a reflection of her will and efforts to address Wyoming women's economic security and quality of life. This website advances women's economic education and promotes women's economic development. Included is information on budgeting, financial planning, job opportunities, care giving issues and helping to raise financially responsible children.

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